

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated December 10, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 10, 2009. Applicant requests entry and consideration of the above noted amendments and the following remarks in response to the Final Office Action.

Claims 11-23, 25, 26, and 28-30 are currently pending in the application. Claim 18 has been canceled. Claim 11 has been amended.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has objected to claim 18 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but has stated that claim 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim Rejections

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) & § 103(a)

Claims 11-17, 19 and 21-23, 25, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Debras et al. (EP 989140). Claims 20 and 28-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Debras.

Applicant has amended claim 11 to incorporate the limitations of claim 18. Claim 18 has been canceled. For this reason, Applicant respectfully argues that the above rejections are moot and requests withdrawal of such rejections and allowance of the claims as presently amended.

In conclusion, Applicant submits that the references cited in the Final Office Action, neither alone nor in combination, teach, show, or suggest the presently amended claims. Having addressed all issues set out in the Final Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the same.

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Respectfully submitted,



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